HOUSE . . . . . . No. 2469

By Ms. Blumer of Framingham, petition of Deborah D. Blumer and others for legislation to provide a limited income tax exemption for caring for elderly persons. Revenue.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## PETITION OF:

Deborah D. Blumer Michael A. Costello William Smitty Pignatelli **Shirley Gomes** Shirley Owens-Hicks Timothy J. Toomey, Jr. Jennifer L. Flanagan Thomas P. Kennedy Emile J. Goguen Anthony J. Verga Robert A. O'Leary Tom Sannicandro Stephen Kulik Jennifer M. Callahan Robert A. DeLeo Charles A. Murphy Bruce E. Tarr Carl M. Sciortino Jr. Douglas W. Petersen Frank M. Hynes David Paul Linsky John A. Lepper Edward G. Connolly John W. Scibak Michael E. Festa James R. Miceli Christine E. Canavan Anne M. Gobi Kathi-Anne Reinstein Joyce A. Spiliotis

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE A LIMITED EXEMPTION FROM THE STATE INCOME TAX FOR INDIVIDUALS CARING FOR THE ELDERLY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) of Part B of
- 2 section 3 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as appearing in the
- 3 1994 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after clause
- 4 (C) the following clause:—

5 (D) an additional exemption of three thousand dollars shall be
6 allowed for any owner or tenant of residential property located in
7 the Commonwealth who cares for an elderly or infirm citizen of at
8 least seventy years of age, for the cost of caring for said indi9 vidual, provided that (i) said elderly or infirm citizen has resided
10 with said owner or tenant for more than six months of the taxable
11 year and that (ii) the adjusted gross income of said owner or
12 tenant does not exceed fifty thousand dollars in the case of a
13 single return.

SECTION 2. Subparagraph (2) of said paragraph (b) of said Part B of said section 3 of said chapter 62, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after clause (C) the following 4 clause:—

5 (D) an additional exemption of three thousand dollars shall be allowed for any owner or tenant of residential property located in 7 the Commonwealth who cares for an elderly or infirm citizen of at 8 least seventy years of age, for the cost of caring for said indi- 9 vidual, provided that (i) said elderly or infirm citizen has resided 10 with said owner or tenant for more than six months of the taxable 11 year and that (ii) the adjusted gross income of said owner or 12 tenant does not exceed seventy-five thousand dollars in the case of 13 a joint return.